

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/834,365	TANIGUCHI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Shefali D. Patel	2621	

All Participants:
Status of Application: _____

 (1) Shefali D. Patel, the Examiner.

(3) _____.

 (2) Mr. Steven Fischman (Reg. No. 34,594).

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 23 September 2005
Time: 11:00AM
Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.
Rejection(s) discussed:

none

Claims discussed:

1, 2, 13, 14, 15, 16

Prior art documents discussed:

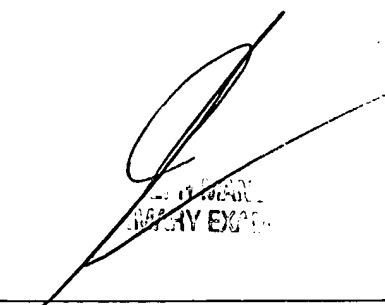
none

Part II.
SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.



(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The examiner called Mr. Fischman because there appear to have some new matter in the amended claims filed on June 13, 2005. The examiner pointed out the negative limitation of "without prior categorization of data to be embedded with said watermark data" in the preamble of the claims. The examiner also stated the MPEP 2173.05(i) for negative limitations in the claims stating that "Negative Limitations must have basis in the original disclosure." Mr. Fischman stated that prior art categorizes data and the present application do not. The examiner commented that this is irrelevant as claimed feature do not appear in the disclosure and hence it was a new matter, 35 U.S.C. 112 1st paragraph issue. The applicant deleted this feature by examiner's amendment.